

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS:

It Can't Be Said That Bimpkins Isn't Trying.

By F. LEIPZIGER.



Laurium Department

M. E. O'BRIEN PRAISED.

President of Detroit Life Commended by Insurance Advocate.

After a little more than a year in the position, and two years' connection with the company, M. E. O'Brien, formerly of Laurium, now president of the Detroit Life Insurance company has made his company one of the bright spots of the insurance world, making a splendid record for the amount of business written by a very new company.

President O'Brien's success with the Detroit Life has won for him recognition by the Insurance Advocate, a conservative New York weekly insurance paper, which devotes to him its current issue an extended write-

up. Such recognition is gratifying to Mr. O'Brien's friends in the copper country, as well as the many policy holders in this district, it being a fine indication of the stability of the company.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Will Be Held Oct. 18 to Hear Assessment Complaints.

There will be a special meeting of the Laurium council Friday evening of next week, Oct. 18, when complaints will be heard by the special board in session, against the tax roll for sidewalk that have been built this summer. The board will build no more walks this year, as the season is too far advanced, but next year it is plan-

ned to build several thousand feet more of cement walks. Many property owners who have not cement walks outside their residences are contemplating petitioning the village for new walks.

LAURIUM BREVITIES

Capt. and Mrs. William Jane, of Crystal Falls, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Odgers, of Irons street, have returned home. Capt. Jane was a former copper country resident. He is greatly surprised at the many changes that have taken place in Houghton and Keweenaw counties since his last visit to this section.

Mrs. Anna Beck has been removed to her home from the Calumet Public hospital, following a successful operation for appendicitis.

C. I. Bashore has returned from a short visit to Neshota and Champion. There are still approximately \$15,000 outstanding in village taxes. As all back taxes must be paid on or before Oct. 21, in order to avoid the collection of four per cent extra, Laurium taxpayers are urged to call and settle.

John Adams left yesterday for Ishpeming, after spending the past two weeks with Laurium friends.

Miss Maud Webber of Hecla street, left this week for New York city, where she will enter the New York conservatory of music to complete a course in pianoforte instruction. Miss Webber has been instructed in piano playing by Prof. August Espel, and was one of his most promising pupils.

The funeral of the late Frederick B. Trathen, formerly of Laurium, took place yesterday afternoon, with services at the Laurium M. E. church, Rev. M. H. Eldred officiating. Members of the M. W. A. attended.

John Peterson of Irons street is confined to his home by illness.

Miss Ruth Steinhilber has returned from a visit of four weeks with friends in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Mrs. James Prisk has returned from a week's visit with Ishpeming friends.

Happenings in the Sporting Realm

PLEASES U. OF M. FOOTBALL FANS

Yost Machine Shows Up Well in First Game of Season

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 9.—As has been the rule since 1906 Case opened the Michigan schedule Saturday at Ann Arbor and the Wolverines were returned victors by a 35 to 9 score. That only partially tells the good news of the game, however, as the most encouraging part of the entire affair was the showing made by the pupils of Yost. In contrast to their actions of last year the wearers of the Maize and Blue were fighting and trying for every inch all the time. True, their work in many respects was ragged but when it is considered that this is the first game of the season such raggedness is to be expected. In addition to this, the weather conditions were far from being ideal. The heat was so intense that toward the end of the clash the players of both teams wilted.

Yost used a host of subs in some places making three shifts and Case on the other hand made but one change. The changes in the Michigan line-up did not seem to slow up the locals to any great extent though it was in the third quarter that Michigan failed to score, and this was just after one of the flocks of subs had gone in.

Boyle was used at quarter in this period and made his first appearance on Perry field since two years ago, when he starred on the All-Fresh. He showed the same ability at carrying the ball that he formerly had, but his lack of familiarity with the signals was an apparent handicap. Huebel started the game and went two periods in good shape while Bushnell was on the job in the last session and also showed well.

The offense of the Wolverines is much stronger than the defense, at least judging by the result of Saturday's game. Craig, Carpell, Thomson, Huebel and Boyle had little trouble tearing off long runs around end and end tactics and the success of the forward pass was one of the most promising parts of the afternoon's pastime. Thomson did the hurrying while Barton did the receiving. Case had a world of peculiar formations from which they developed either an end run or a forward pass though they did not meet with the success in this that Michigan did. The Michigan line showed fair form but it is evident that it is here that Yost has his work cut out for him. The backfield presented the first string, presented a much better interference for the runner and showed better in blocking than was the case last year at this time.

MAT CONTEST ASSURED.

Walter Miller and Adamson Agree to Terms For Bout.

"Will wrestle winner take all or any other terms," "ADAMSON."

The above message from Waterloo, Iowa, indicates that Ed Adamson has sufficient faith in his ability to beat Miller to warrant his accepting the big split of the purse to the winner and the making of a side bet on his chances with the St. Paul marve, says the Duluth Herald.

Now that Miller has conceded the weight question and Adamson has promptly met what Miller might have imagined would be a financial barrier, there is apparently nothing that remains in the tortuous path of the match.

Unless one of the boys falls down and cracks his skull or breaks a limb, it begins to look as if this long-talked-of, often speculated upon match is at last to be decided.

By the terms of the agreement each man will be compelled to deposit a check or currency to the amount of \$250 in one of the Duluth banks. Miller agreed when here to forward his check just as soon as Adamson met his terms, and with the depositing of the money—real money—the last obstacle

BREAKING INTO THE PINK SHEET



FOUR CLUBS LOSE MONEY

American Association Has Bad Year Financially.

After one of the worst seasons in its history the American Association baseball year is over with Minneapolis winding up in first place. The failure of the teams to make money this year is laid to the door of presidential year, it being claimed by managers that the season of presidential years is always poor.

At least half of two teams in the Association failed to make hardly any profit on the year, while two of them went into the hole and the balance on hand for the other pair was smaller than that of last year. Columbus and Toledo are said to be winners during the past season, while Minneapolis and Milwaukee made a trifle over expenses. Kansas City drew well during most of the season, but only a small margin was left at the end of the year. Louisville and Indianapolis both went into the hole, with the Hoosiers having a wide margin over the Kentucky team when it came to expenses.

JIM THORPE 'HEAP BAD' 'MUCH FIREWATER' UGH

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 9.—A crowd in the lobby of the Seventh Avenue hotel Saturday night saw Big Jim Thorpe, hero of the recent Olympic games, lower his colors to Glenn Warner, the doughty coach of the Carlisle Indian football team.

When the mixup was over Thorpe was put between two Carlisle men and marched in disgrace up to the door.

The world's greatest all-around athlete strayed from the path of prohibition and Warner caught him in the clear stand affectionately kissing a bottle of "red eye." Warner was sure, it is said, because the big Indian had gone into the Washington-Jefferson game more than ordinarily stimulated. "Give up that bottle," yelled Warner.

Thorpe refused, and Warner went to a clinch and got the bottle.

"Who gave this to him?" demanded Warner, turning upon a crowd of men who had witnessed the row.

Nobody pleaded guilty and Warner turned again on Thorpe, who was emitting yells that attracted all the police in two blocks. After Warner finished a little roughly Thorpe had lost his voice and wobbled cheerfully along Liberty avenue with his re-enforced escort.

In the long line of negotiations will have been removed.

So seriously does Miller take this match that he has been training for something like a month in order that he might be prepared. Now that Adamson is coming in at the middle-weight limit, at the pointage which he claims will give him his strength, it is probable that the St. Paul man will leave no stone unturned to get in the best condition of his career.

DOPING RACE HORSES.

Practice Has Again Come to Light in Paris Is Report.

Paris, Oct. 9.—The practice of "doping" race horses introduced from America, has lately been occupying the attention of the authorities, as in spite of the rule forbidding it there is a suspicion that it is still frequently resorted to. This rule runs:

"It is forbidden to administer or cause to be administered to a horse that is about to race any stimulant whatever, by any process, with a view to its actions in that race. Stewards may proceed to examine any horse with a view to detecting an infringement of this rule, and may take any necessary measures."

This rule was promulgated by the Paris committee, but in practice much difficulty is experienced in discovering fraud. It has often been remarked that runners have passed the post in an unnatural state of foam and sweat, and close observation has detected an exaggerated dilation of the pupil and a superabundant flow of saliva.

Such symptoms have naturally aroused the suspicion that the animal has been given strychnine, cocaine, sparteine, or some similar alcohol commonly used in "doping," but proof is difficult to obtain.

MAY PILOT THE REDS.

Frank Chance Mentioned as Having Landed New Berth.

Chicago, Oct. 9.—Frank Leroy Chance, manager of the Cubs, and who led that organization to victory four times, twice in world's series contests, is to be the leader of the Cincinnati Reds next season. The deal was practically closed on Friday when Chance and Garry Hermann, president of the Reds, talked over the long distance phone. President Murphy consented to the change, it is said. As soon as the city series is over Chance will go to Cincinnati, according to the report from that city, and close the deal.

After an hour's talk with Garry the salary question was settled. In all the years that Frank has been at the head of the Cubs they have never finished worse than second, save this season. His absence will be greatly missed on the west side by both fan and player.

McGOORTHY BRAVE AGAIN: HURLS DEFI AT KLAUS.

New York, Oct. 9.—Eddie McGorry, the heavy fighting middle weight, has claimed the championship of the world because of the fact that he has knocked out Jack Harrison, the English title holder, and Dave Smith, champion of Australia. He announced that after his match with Gibbons on November 7 he will post a big forfeit to meet Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh.

Eddie Morgan, England's best bantam weight, will make his bow in the Garden Monday night in a bout with Louis De Ponthieu, the French lightweight champion.

JOE WOOD'S PITCHING IS DESCRIBED BY NAP LAJOIE

HAS EVERY QUALIFICATION BOX ARTIST NEEDS SAYS FAMOUS CLEVELAND SLUGGER.

Napoleon Lajoie, who has faced all kinds of pitchers since he made his bow in major league company back in 1906, says that Joe Wood of the Boston Red Sox never has been equalled. Lajoie, one of the biggest batters in the American league this year, when asked the other day to tell just why the Red Sox star was in a class by himself, replied:

"He's got everything combined; physical development, stamina, iron nerve and brains, also natural pitching skill. Wood excels in knowing how to pitch to different batters. His headwork is one of the reasons why he is at the head of the class. He believes in mixing 'em up, which, in my opinion is the most effective method employed to deceive batters. Look over the records and you'll find that the most successful pitchers in any kind of company have learned the knack of mixing the fast with the slow one without alternating their delivery."

"Wood looks like the swiftest pitcher I've ever faced. He seems to have more speed than Amos Rusie, Rebe Whifflet, Babe Marquard, Walter Johnson and others I could name. Yet he develops this wonderful speed with an easy overhand motion which enables him to keep his balance and control the course of the ball. It is not exaggerating it a bit when I say that at times I have been unable to see Wood's fast ball as it sped over the plate."

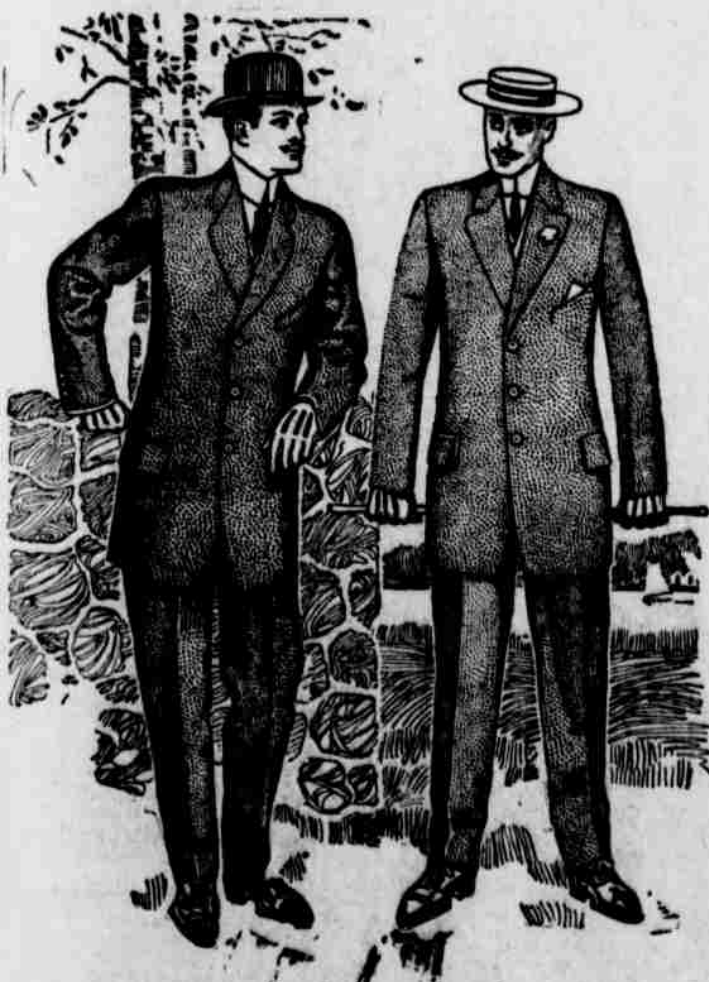
"With the same overhand motion Wood can pitch a tantalizing slow ball, the kind that looks as if it never would reach the plate. Then he can show a wide curve ball, delivered with the same motion, which is a bird. Wood didn't have this curve last year, but it suddenly came to him when the Red Sox were training in the south last spring. He's perfected it since so that it's about the quickest breaking ball I've ever tried to hit. Wood has all the American league batters fooled. He never overlooks a fault. If he has the number of the slants they won't make his headway. Wood looks to me like the one but bet."

AUSTRALIANS VICTORIOUS.

Take Interesting Cricket Match From Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 9.—The Australian cricket team won a notable victory from the Gentlemen of Philadelphia eleven by capturing the second match by 45 runs. Total score: Australians, 365; Gentlemen of Philadelphia, 318.

The Philadelphia batsmen were weak before the speedy bowling of MacLaren and the puzzling delivery of Whitty. The Philadelphians made 227 runs in their first innings but could only score 81 in the second.



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